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HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following:-

From the Government of India, Ministry of Health, No. F.2.82/50-P.H.II.W. dated 28th December 1950.
From the Commissioner of Labour and ~~Chief~~ Chief Inspector of Factories, No.5909/51, dated 10th February 1951.
From the Director of Medical Services, R.No.11787/M/51, dated 8/15th February 1951 and 16th April 1951.
From the Chief Inspector of Certified Schools No.109/B2/51, dated 9th March 1951.
From the Director of Public Health, L.Dis.8618. Epi/51, dated 26th March 1951.
From the Inspector General of ~~Pris~~ Prisons, No.Roc.483,S2.51, dated 24th February 1951.

O R D E R:

A scheme of International Collaboration in the Field of Influenza has been drawn up by the World Health Organisation. The scheme stiplulates the setting up of a World Influenza Centre and Regional Influenza laboratories in the individual countries collaborating in the scheme and the designating of observers under whom the regional laboratories will be set up. The World Health Organisation has decided to set up the World Influenza Centre at the National Institute for Medical Research in London under the directions of Dr. C.H.Andrews. The Government of India have agreed to collaborate in the scheme and have appointed Dr. I.G. Menon, Assistant Director, Pasteur Institute, Coonoor, as an Observer. While forwarding a copy of the memorandum issued by the Directorate General of Health Services explaining the details of this scheme etc. to all medical officers of States, the Government of India have requested this Government to secure the cooperation of industrial concerns etc. in this state towards India's participation in the scheme.

2.The Director of Medical Services, the Director of Public Health, the Inspector-General of ~~Pris~~ Prisons, the Chief Inspector of Certified Schools and the Chief Inspector of Factories were consulted in the matter and the following orders are issued in the matter:-- The Director of Public Health is of opinion that though the suggestion is for collecting material mainly from jails, reformatory schools, public schools etc. it is considered necessary to keep the Municipal Health Officers on the alert to watch the statistics of fever and acute respiratory diseases and to report any abnormal increase, by getting prompt report from the practitioners, house owners, Managers of factories and public institutions. The Director of Public Health also states that the medical officers in charge of medical institutions should be required to report any increase in the number of admissions of clinically suspected influenza cases that the collection of pathalogical material can be most conveniently done in medical institutions and that instructions may be issued in this regard to the medical officers in charge of Hospitals in Municipal towns. The Director of Medical Services reports that he has already issued

necessary instructions in the matter. His action in the matter is approved. The Director of Public Health is requested to issue necessary instructions to the Health Officers as proposed by him. The Director of Public Health has also proposed the appointment of a committee for dealing with the problem of Influenza in this State. The Government agree with the ~~problem of~~ Director of Medical Services that it is not necessary to constitute any such committee as there is no scare of influenza in Madras at present.

The Inspector-General of Prisons and the Chief Inspector of Certified Schools have no objection to a directive being issued to all Medical Officers of jails and certifed schools as proposed by the Directorate General of Health Services. They are now requested to issue necessary directive in the matter. The Government approve also the action of the Chief Inspector of Factories in having issued a directive to the managements to factories which have hospitals and dispensaries to furnish information to the observer at Conoor.

(BY ORDER OF ETC.)

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Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Health.
To the Director Medical Services.
To the Commissioner of Labour and Chief Inspector of Factories.
To the Chief Inspector of Certified Schools.
To the Inspector-General of Prisons.
Copy to the Government of India, Ministry of Health, New Delhi.

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